

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended thrice) A pipette gun and holster apparatus having a remote source of positive and negative air pressure, said apparatus comprising:
- a) a pipette gun having an external, flexible conduit connecting said gun to said remote air pressure source, said gun including:
 - i) a housing having a hand grip portion and a barrel portion oriented transverse to said hand grip portion;
 - ii) a pipette connector fixed to and oriented transverse to said barrel portion;
 - iii) an internal conduit connected to said external flexible conduit and said pipette connector;
 - iv) a valve intermediate said internal conduit which selectively regulates the flow of either positive air pressure or negative air pressure through said internal conduit to said pipette connector;
 - v) a positive air flow trigger and a negative air flow trigger connected to said valve;
 - b) a gun holster which supports said gun above a work table with said

pipette connector oriented downwardly, said holster including:

- i) a base;
- ii) means for fastening said base to a vertical wall;
- iii) a mounting bracket fixed to and extending transverse to said base, said bracket including a fork having a base end and a plurality of prongs, and a socket formed in between said prongs, said socket having an open top, an open bottom, and diameter which is larger than the distance between said prongs,

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said socket removably holding said gun with said pipette connector oriented downwardly by passing the pipette through said prongs and inserting said pipette connector into said socket through the top so that said pipette connector engages said socket.

15. (Amended thrice) A pipette gun and holster apparatus having a remote source of positive and negative air pressure, said apparatus comprising:

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- a) a pipette gun having an external, flexible conduit connecting said gun to said remote air pressure source, said gun including:
 - i) a housing having a hand grip portion and a barrel portion oriented transverse to said hand grip portion;

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- ii) a pipette connector fixed to and oriented transverse to said barrel portion;
 - iii) an internal conduit connected to said external flexible conduit and said pipette connector;
 - iv) a valve intermediate said internal conduit which selectively regulates the flow of either positive air pressure or negative air pressure through said internal conduit to said pipette connector;
 - v) a positive air flow trigger and a negative air flow trigger connected to said valve;
- b) a gun holster which supports said gun above a work table with said pipette connector oriented downwardly, said holster including:
- i) a base;
 - ii) means for fastening said base to a vertical wall;
 - iii) a mounting bracket fixed to and extending transverse to said base, said bracket including a fork having a base end and a plurality of prongs, and a socket formed in between said prongs, said socket having an open top, an open bottom, and diameter which is larger than the distance between said prongs,
- said socket removably holding said gun with said pipette connector oriented

downwardly by passing the pipette through said prongs and inserting said pipette connector into said socket through the top,

CJ including a first switch proximate said socket, said switch regulating said remote air source.

22. (Amended twice) A holster for supporting a pipette gun on a vertical surface above or proximate a table top, said pipette gun having a negative and positive air pressure source, pipette connector and a pipette attached to said connector, said holster comprising:

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- a) a base;
 - b) means for fastening said base to a vertical wall;
 - c) a mounting bracket fixed to and extending transverse to said base, said bracket including a fork having a base end and a plurality of prongs, and a socket formed in between said prongs, said socket having an open top, an open bottom, and diameter which is larger than the distance between said prongs,

said socket removably holding the gun with the pipette connector oriented downwardly by passing the pipette through said prongs and inserting the pipette connector into said socket through the top so that said

pipette connector engages said socket.

23. (Amended thrice) A holster for supporting a pipette gun on a vertical surface above or proximate a table top, said pipette gun having a negative and positive air pressure source, pipette connector and a pipette attached to said connector, said holster comprising:

- a) a base;
- b) means for fastening said base to a vertical wall;
- c) a mounting bracket fixed to and extending transverse to said base, said bracket including a fork having a base end and a plurality of prongs, and a socket formed in between said prongs, said socket having an open top, an open bottom, and diameter which is larger than the distance between said prongs,

said socket removably holding the gun with the pipette connector oriented downwardly by passing the pipette through said prongs and inserting the pipette connector into said socket through the top,

including a first switch proximate said socket, said first switch deactivating said air source when the pipette gun is parked in said holster and energizing said air source when the pipette gun is removed from said holster.

29. (Amended thrice) A method of metering fluid using a pipette gun, comprising the steps of:

a) providing a pipette gun having a remote air pressure source and holster assembly, said holster having a base, means for fastening said base to a vertical surface, a mounting bracket fixed to and extending transverse to said base, said bracket including a fork having a base end and a plurality of prongs, and a socket formed in between said prongs, said socket having an open top, an open bottom, and diameter which is larger than the distance between said prongs,

CH said socket removably holding said gun with said pipette connector oriented downwardly by passing the pipette through the prongs and inserting said pipette connector into said socket through the top so that said pipette connector engages said socket;

b) removably fastening said holster to a vertical surface next to or proximate a horizontal work table top;

c) parking the pipette gun in the holster above the work table with said pipette connector and pipette oriented downwardly out of contact with the table top;

d) removing said pipette gun from said holster and metering fluid with said gun.
